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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA; DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER GANDHI

REF: STATE 99357

1. AT A SMALL DINNER GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER GANDHI  
APRIL 27 THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH HER THE LAW OF  
THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL. THE  
AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF  
REACHING AGREEMENT SOON ON THIS CRITICALLY  
IMPORTANT MATTER. HE MENTIONED THE OBSTACLE PRESENTED  
BY ENDLESS DISCUSSION AND TOLD MRS GANDHI OF OUR HOPE  
THAT A NEW ROUND OF TALKS COULD BEGIN IN JULY AND  
COMPLETE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. THE PRIME MINISTER OFFERED  
NO COMMENT BUT HEALTH MINISTER KARAN SINGH, WHO WAS ALSO  
PRESENT, CONCURRED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING EARLY  
AGREEMENT, EMPHASIZING PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER WAS SMALL AND COMPRISED  
GUESTS CLOSE TO HER HOUSEHOLD (SANJAY AND RAJIV  
GANDHI AND WIVES, MOHAMMED YUNUS, P.N. DHAR, PLUS  
KARAN SINGH AND THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND SOME SIX CHIEFS  
OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS INCLUDING THOSE FROM POLAND,  
KENYA AND GHANA).

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3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST SOCIAL OCCASION  
INVOLVING FOREIGN AMBASSADORS WHICH SANJAY GANDHI HAS  
ATTENDED.  
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